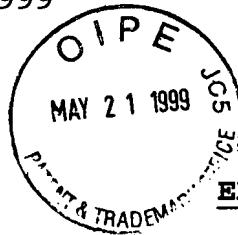


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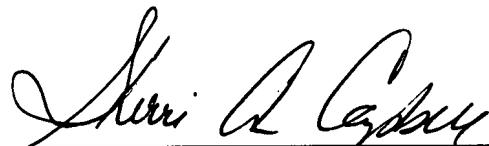
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Request for Continued Prosecution Application with a check for \$488.00 for the Basic Filing Fee, a Preliminary Amendment, and a return receipt postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated and is addressed: **ATTN: BOX CPA, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-0877.



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